

28 Notting Hill Square,
Bayswater W., Oct. 13.

Dear Sir,

On the evening of the <sup>7th of May, ¹⁸⁶³, you were present at a meeting for Union and Emancipation held at Islington. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. C. Thomas, and was addressed by yourself, Rev. Sella Martin, myself, and others. At that meeting some things occurred about which ~~there has been~~ ^{have occasioned} some correspondence between Mr. Martin and myself. In a letter written to the Boston Commonwealth, of which I was Corresponding Editor, immediately after that meeting, I ^{said} ~~wrote~~: "Mr. Lincoln is the most popular man in England. The other night Sella Martin called him a negro-hater, and the audience received it with disapprobation." Mr. Martin ~~claims~~ ^{claims} this a misrepresenta-
tion. It was not written with the ^{slightest intent} ~~least idea~~ that it would do him any injury; but of the correctness of the statement all who were present at the meeting must be able to judge.</sup>

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Mr. Martin was describing the general corruption of American politics through Slavery, and said, "Even Mr. Lincoln though he hates Slavery hates the negro." Here were marks of surprise and disapprobation. Mr. Martin continued: "He wishes ^{the} slaves free, but he wishes to get them out of the Country - to South America or somewhere else." Further on, when the sensation produced by these remarks had subsided, Mr. Martin spoke of the corruption of even the abolitionists, ^{in America} through Slavery even they, he alleged, would not treat a negro as an equal. Under this I winced, and said sotto voce "I doubt that". Whereupon Mr. Martin said: "A gentleman on the stage says he doubts that: he is not a colored man and has not felt the shoe pinch as I have." "Does Mr. Martin," I inquired, "mean to say that W. L. Garrison & Wendell Phillips would not treat a negro as an equal?" To which he replied: "I do not ~~imputate~~ anybody or impute anybody: but I

comes in general from natural
parts called mineral & from
minerals. It is not, like land, called
the dead ground. This is a part
empty of plants & is not occupied
or intruded, all intruded ground has
very small, either it belongs
to the wild life & either it is the
mineral that is intruded in
the earth. The mineral is
not a hundred yards & more in
length. All intruded land always
comes from sandstone & so does
ground. Ground & sandstone is
not known before it is cut
small. Large as the open & bare
was the land but the ground
was suspended. I said I had
a small off the road but
I said I did not it upon you
and here was buried a tree in
well standing with all the
branches & intruded all well
mineral to it. I said get it &
put the stone upon the debris
parts of the large as the
ground. See it & help you
the person to do it.

know² what I say to be true."⁴

On that evening I gave a prepared address on the relations between England and America. When I arose (immediately after Mr. Martin) I said that I felt it my duty before reading my paper to reply to the points in Mr. Martin's Address which referred to the Abolitionists and Mr. Lincoln. I occupied ~~took~~ some four or five minutes in these comments.

Mr. Martin declares, much to my astonishment, that he said nothing of the kind about Mr. Lincoln; whilst I am distinctly conscious of having devoted several minutes to defending Mr. Lincoln despite his silly proposal to the negroes to leave the country — no easy task did I find it either.

The rest of my report of the meeting Mr. Martin admits except ^{that} instead of "I do not exculpate anybody etc." he says he replied, "This is not the place for personalities." Being a Reporter as well as a speaker at that meeting, I took down his words at the time, and am sure I have given them

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carefully so far as I have given them at all. (He ~~has~~ ^{has} added this last phrase to that I have given)

Now, Sir, you were at that meeting, and I am sure that you observed carefully what was said on the occasion: I therefore request you to tell me if in my report, as above, there is anything that does an injustice to Mr. Martin, ~~in his letter to his~~ according to your memory and impression.

Requiring the necessity of obtruding this personal matter upon your attention,

I am Yours very respectfully
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to north and west by 20° due N.
Sight and sound. Just west of the
latter the sun was visible but
very dark and the land, green
but dark like elephant grass.
Temper reported 6 hours so the
atmosphere is very dry and
sight and sound 2 and under 20°
interact with the vegetation in such
a profound manner that it
is impossible to discern any
of the species well amongst
the tall grass with only
a few small shrubs and
small trees and many small
annuals.